

# ASDO NEPA DOCUMENT ROUTING SHEET

NEPA Document Number: DOI-BLM-AZ-A030-2012-0007-CX

Project Title: Mount Logan and Oak Grove Wild Turkey Augmentation

Project Lead: Shawn Langston

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### **A. Background**

BLM Office: Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument

Proposed Action Title/Type: Mount Logan and Oak Grove Wild Turkey Augmentation

Location of Proposed Action: This augmentation is proposed to occur at three main release locations on Mount Logan and three main release sites in the Oak Grove area of the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument. All locations are on federal lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

#### Release Locations on Mt. Logan

Aspen Catchment- T34N R8W sec 7

Turkey Tracks Catchment- T34N R8W sec 8

Nixon Administration Site- T35N R8W sec 27

#### Release Locations in Oak Grove

Moki Wildlife Catchment: T32N R12W sec 32

Kelly Dam Wildlife Area: T32N R12W sec 23

Lake Flat: T32N R 12W sec 25

Description of Proposed Action: The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AGFD) and BLM propose to augment the existing small populations of wild turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo*) on the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument. Augmentation would occur in the Mount Logan and Oak Grove areas at predetermined release sites. 3 release sites are selected for each unit and it is anticipated that up to 75 turkeys would be released in each habitat unit. It is expected that augmentation would begin in the winter of 2012/2013.

Recent data from AGFD surveys and hunter harvest survey reports indicate that the turkey populations in these areas are depressed. Prior augmentations from the 1990's were successful in bolstering the wild turkey populations and ensuring the presence of this important Monument object.

Merriam's turkeys would be obtained from Arizona sources outside of the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument. Trapping would not occur on the Monument. The turkeys would be transported to the proposed release sites via truck on designated routes. No off-road vehicle travel is anticipated. Travel on excessively wet roads would be avoided. Upon arrival at the release sites the turkeys would be released from their transport boxes.

All release operations would be conducted by AGFD and BLM personnel following established big game translocation procedures. No dispersed camping is anticipated; if necessary, crews would stay in BLM administrative sites at Mt. Logan and Oak Grove.

Turkeys would be marked with wing tags and if funding is available, some turkeys would be fitted with radio telemetry equipment. If radio telemetry equipment is used, post release monitoring would occur using established ground monitoring efforts on designated roads, and potentially from aerial survey methods.

The turkey populations would continue to be monitored through annual surveys and hunter harvest data and reported through AGFD reporting procedures.

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## **B. Land Use Plan Conformance**

Land Use Plan Name: Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument Resource Management Plan (RMP)

Date Approved: January 29, 2008

The proposed action has been reviewed for conformance with the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument Resource Management Plan (2008). The proposed action is in conformance with the following RMP decisions:

**DFC-WF-02:** Native wildlife communities, as Monument Objects, will be protected. A complete range of diverse, healthy and self-sustaining population of native animal species will occupy all available suitable habitats.

**MA-WF-06:** Reintroductions, transplants, capture operations and supplemental stockings (augmentations) of native wildlife populations into historic habitats will be carried out in collaboration with the AGFD and/or the USFWS where consistent with achieving DFC's, protection of Monument objects, and within applicable agencies policies. Restoration of native wildlife will be for the following purposes:

To maintain current populations, distributions, and genetic diversity;  
To conserve or recover threatened or endangered species; and/or  
To restore or enhance native populations, diversity, or distribution of special status species.

Species that may be reintroduced, transplanted, or augmented include but are not limited to the following: pronghorn antelope, mule deer, desert bighorn sheep, Merriam's Turkey, Kaibab squirrel, and special status species.

**MA-WF-34:** Priority game bird species will include Merriam's turkey, Gambel's quail, white-winged dove, mourning dove, chukar partridge, and band-tailed pigeons.

**MA-WF-35:** Self-sustaining populations of Merriam's turkey will be established within all habitat areas, including Mt. Trumbull, Mt. Logan, and Black Rock. New habitat areas can be added where appropriate. Initial or supplemental transplants will be authorized on a case-by-case basis and, on NPS-administered lands, will meet NPS Management Policies regarding the restoration of native species.

**MA-WF-38:** On BLM-administered lands, game bird populations in the Monument will be managed for healthy, self-sustaining populations in accordance with population goals and objectives established in the AGFD Strategic Plan for these species.

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**C: Compliance with NEPA:**

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW:** The proposed action is categorically excluded under 516 DM 11.9, Appendix 4: A. Fish and Wildlife

(5) Routine augmentations, such as fish stocking, providing no new species are introduced.

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The application of this categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment and none of the exceptions (43 CFR 46.215) apply (see Attachment 1).

**D: Signature**

Authorizing Official: Pamela D. McAlpin Date: Oct 18, 2012  
(Signature)

Name: Pamela D. McAlpin

Title: Monument Manager – Grand Canyon Parashant National Monument

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**Contact Person**

For additional information concerning this CX review, contact:

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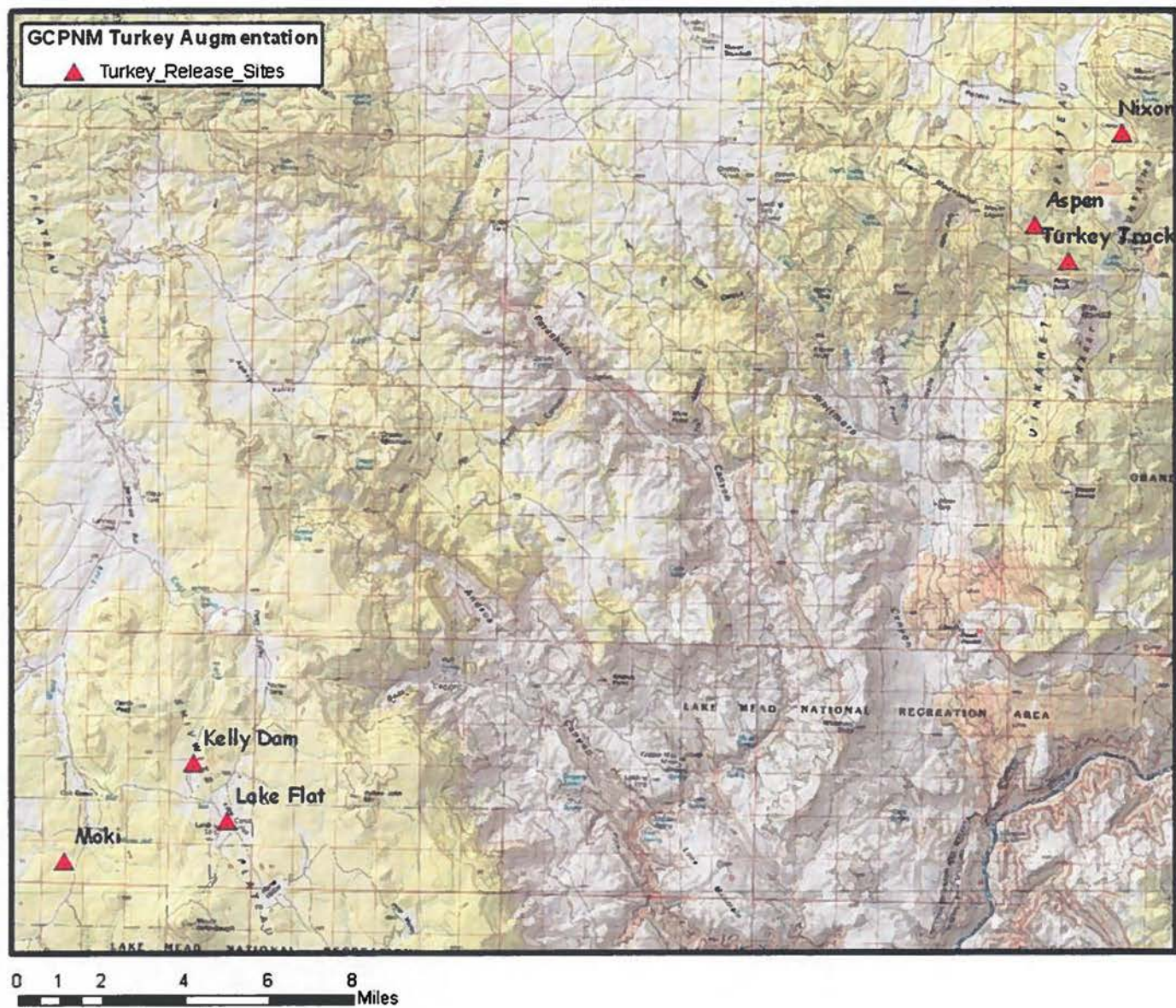
## Attachment 1

### EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES REVIEW AND CHECKLIST

**IMPORTANT:** Appropriate staff should review the circumstances listed below, and comment for concurrence. Rationale supporting the concurrence should be included where appropriate.

<b>EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES</b>  Does the proposed action...	<b>YES/NO &amp; RATIONALE (If - Appropriate)</b>	<b>STAFF</b>
1. Have significant impacts on public health and safety?	No	Langston 9/14/12
2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness or wilderness study areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds (Executive Order 13186); and other ecologically significant or critical areas?	No	Hawks, Langston 9/14/12
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2) (E)]?	No	Langston 9/14/12
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?	No	Langston 9/14/12
5. Establish a precedent for future action, or represent a decision in principle about future actions, with potentially significant environmental effects?	No	Langston 9/14/12
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?	No	Langston 9/14/12
7. Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the Bureau or office?	No	Van Alfen 10/10/12
8. Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species?	No	Langston 9/14/12 Roaque 9/19/12

9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?	No	Sims 9/26/12
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898)?	No	Langston 9/14/12
11. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners, or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007)?	No	Van Alfen 10/10/12 Benson 10/14/12
12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area, or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112)?	No	Bunting 9/18/12





**DECISION MEMORANDUM**  
**MOUNT LOGAN AND OAK GROVE WILD TURKEY AUGMENTATION**  
**DOI-BLM-AZ-A030-2012-0007-CX**

U.S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management  
Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument

**Approval and Decision**

Based on a review of the project described in the attached Categorical Exclusion documentation and Monument staff recommendations, I have determined that the project is in conformance with the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument Resource Management Plan (approved 2008) and is categorically excluded from further environmental analysis. It is my decision to approve the action as proposed with the following stipulations/mitigation measures in an effort to minimize impacts of the proposed action to social and natural environmental resources.

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- Any surface, or sub-surface archaeological, historical, or paleontological remains discovered and not covered in the Cultural Resource Protection Record (CRPR) during project work will be left intact; all work in the area will stop immediately and the BLM Monument Manager (435-688-3202) shall be notified immediately. Commencement of work will be allowed upon the okay of the BLM Monument Manager in consultation with the archaeologist.
  - If in connection with operations any human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects or objects of cultural patrimony – as defined in the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (P.L. 101-601; 104 Stat. 3048; 25 U.S.C. 3001) are discovered, work will stop in the immediate area of the discovery, the remains and objects will be protected, and the BLM Monument Manager immediately notified. The immediate area of the discovery will be avoided and protected until notification by the BLM Monument Manager that operations may resume.
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**Administrative Review or Appeal Opportunities**

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4 and the attached Form 1842-1. If an appeal is taken, your notice of appeal must be filed at the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument, 345 East Riverside Drive, St. George, Utah 84790, within 30 days from receipt of this decision. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error.

If you wish to file a petition (pursuant to regulation 43 CFR 4.21 (58 FR 4939, January 19, 1993) (request) for a stay (suspension) of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the Board, the petition for a stay must accompany your notice of appeal. A petition for a stay is required to show sufficient justification based on the standards listed below. Copies of the notice of appeal and petition for a stay must also be submitted to each party named in this decision and to the Interior Board of Land Appeals and to the Office of the Solicitor (Department of the Interior, Office of the Field Solicitor, Sandra Day O'Connor U.S. Court House #404, 401 West Washington Street SPC44, Phoenix, AZ 85003-2151) (see 43 CFR 4.413) at the same time the original documents are filed with this office. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.



Except as otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulation, a petition for a stay of a decision pending appeal shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

Standards for Obtaining a Stay

1. The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied,
2. The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits,
3. The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted, and
4. Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.



Date: 10/18/2012

Name: Pamela D. McAlpin

Title: Monument Manager – Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument

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Attachment: Form 1842-1

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

INFORMATION ON TAKING APPEALS TO THE INTERIOR BOARD OF LAND APPEALS

DO NOT APPEAL UNLESS

1. This decision is adverse to you,  
AND
2. You believe it is incorrect

IF YOU APPEAL, THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES MUST BE FOLLOWED

1. NOTICE OF  
APPEAL.....

A person who wishes to appeal to the Interior Board of Land Appeals must file in the office of the officer who made the decision (not the Interior Board of Land Appeals) a notice that he wishes to appeal. A person served with the decision being appealed must transmit the *Notice of Appeal* in time for it to be filed in the office where it is required to be filed within 30 days after the date of service. If a decision is published in the FEDERAL REGISTER, a person not served with the decision must transmit a *Notice of Appeal* in time for it to be filed within 30 days after the date of publication (43 CFR 4.411 and 4.413).

2. WHERE TO FILE

NOTICE OF APPEAL.....

Monument Manager, Grand-Canyon Parashant National Monument  
Bureau of Land Management  
345 East Riverside Drive  
St. George, Utah 84790

WITH COPY TO  
SOLICITOR....

Office of the Field Solicitor  
Sandra Day O'Connor US Courthouse, Suite 404  
401 West Washington Street, SPC-44  
Phoenix, Arizona 85003-2151

3. STATEMENT OF REASONS

Within 30 days after filing the *Notice of Appeal*, file a complete statement of the reasons why you are appealing. This must be filed with the United States Department of the Interior, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Interior Board of Land Appeals, 801 N. Quincy Street, MS 300-QC, Arlington, Virginia 22203. If you fully stated your reasons for appealing when filing the *Notice of Appeal*, no additional statement is necessary (43 CFR 4.412 and 4.413).

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SOLICITOR.....

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Phoenix, Arizona 85003-2151

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Bureau of Land Management  
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4. ADVERSE PARTIES.....

Within 15 days after each document is filed, each adverse party named in the decision and the Regional Solicitor or Field Solicitor having jurisdiction over the State in which the appeal arose must be served with a copy of: (a) the *Notice of Appeal*, (b) the Statement of Reasons, and (c) any other documents filed (43 CFR 4.413).

5. PROOF OF SERVICE.....

Within 15 days after any document is served on an adverse party, file proof of that service with the United States Department of the Interior, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Interior Board of Land Appeals, 801 N. Quincy Street, MS 300-QC, Arlington, Virginia 22203. This may consist of a certified or registered mail "Return Receipt Card" signed by the adverse party (43 CFR 4.401(c)).

6. REQUEST FOR STAY.....

Except where program-specific regulations place this decision in full force and effect or provide for an automatic stay, the decision becomes effective upon the expiration of the time allowed for filing an appeal unless a petition for a stay is timely filed together with a *Notice of Appeal* (43 CFR 4.21). If you wish to file a petition for a stay of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the Interior Board of Land Appeals, the petition for a stay must accompany your *Notice of Appeal* (43 CFR 4.21 or 43 CFR 2801.10 or 43 CFR 2881.10). A petition for a stay is required to show sufficient justification based on the standards listed below. Copies of the *Notice of Appeal* and Petition for a Stay must also be submitted to each party named in this decision and to the Interior Board of Land Appeals and to the appropriate Office of the Solicitor (43 CFR 4.413) at the same time the original documents are filed with this office. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

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Unless these procedures are followed, your appeal will be subject to dismissal (43 CFR 4.402). Be certain that all communications are identified by serial number of the case being appealed.

**NOTE:** A document is not filed until it is actually received in the proper office (43 CFR 4.401(a)). See 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart B for general rules relating to procedures and practice involving appeals.

#### 43 CFR SUBPART 1821--GENERAL INFORMATION

Sec. 1821.10 Where are BLM offices located? (a) In addition to the Headquarters Office in Washington, D.C. and seven national level support and service centers, BLM operates 12 State Offices each having several subsidiary offices called Field Offices. The addresses of the State Offices can be found in the most recent edition of 43 CFR 1821.10. The State Office geographical areas of jurisdiction are as follows:

##### STATE OFFICES AND AREAS OF JURISDICTION:

Alaska State Office ----- Alaska  
Arizona State Office ----- Arizona  
California State Office ----- California  
Colorado State Office ----- Colorado  
Eastern States Office ----- Arkansas, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri  
and, all States east of the Mississippi River  
Idaho State Office ----- Idaho  
Montana State Office ----- Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota  
Nevada State Office ----- Nevada  
New Mexico State Office ---- New Mexico, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas  
Oregon State Office ----- Oregon and Washington  
Utah State Office ----- Utah  
Wyoming State Office ----- Wyoming and Nebraska

(b) A list of the names, addresses, and geographical areas of jurisdiction of all Field Offices of the Bureau of Land Management can be obtained at the above addresses or any office of the Bureau of Land Management, including the Washington Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240.

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(Form 1842-1, September 2006)